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SPECIAL PROGRAM

MONDAY, August 18 --- Center Theatre, 49th Street
and Sixth Avenue ----- 8:00 PM sharp

THE OPC VISITS THE "VOICE OF FIRESTONE"

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A musical treat has been arranged for the Overseas Press Club on the evening of Monday, August 18, when Members will attend a broadcast-telecast of the famed "Voice of Firestone" show, featuring the Howard Barlow orchestra with glamorous Risë Stevens as guest soloist. First event offered by the Club's Special Projects Committee, the program goes on the air at 8:30 PM, but Members holding tickets should be on hand at 8.

ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 100 PERSONS! Therefore, reservations will be extended Members on a first-come-first-served basis. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY to avoid disappointment. (Note: The Club is sorry that some 30 odd Members stated -- too late -- their desire to see the movie preview August 7. But space was limited, so ---.)

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ACCURACY vs. DELICACY: The N.Y. Times' Mexico City correspondent, faced with the problem of reporting the precise but vulgar phraseology employed by Ambassador O'Dwyer to blast UP's Robert Prescott, arrived at this solution: "The former Mayor of N.Y. called Mr. Prescott a 'liar' among many other things, and cast aspersions on the honor of his birth. Prescott later commented that he was not only legitimate but is the fifth legitimate child in his family... O'Dwyer berated Prescott at a heated press conference following a UP story that he was "considering" taking Mexican citizenship...

HERB MATTHEWS, OPC Vice-President, celebrated his 30th year on the N.Y. Times... in a warm tribute published in "Times Talk" Milton Bracker writes: "Integrity and individuality are rooted deep in Herb. His books record his errors with an almost painful determination--but he properly insists that no one will ever be able to accuse him of faking. He has always believed in seeing for himself, has dreaded handouts like dysentery--and has suffered from both...He has never lost his historic perspective (which many correspondents never gain)...He is, in the over-all, one of the most accomplished newspapermen of his day--something of an enigma to those who have not worked with him in the field, but something of an inspiration to those who have..."

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WASHINGTON TICKER . Special to The Bulletin from **JESSIE STEARNS**--Washington OPC'ers trekking back to the nation's capitol after political convention coverage in the windy city include **MORGAN BEATTY**, NBC; **RUTH COWAN**, AP; **BILL HILLMAN**, MBS; **BILL DOWNS** and **BILL COSTELLO**, CBS...**JOE LAITIN**, who served W. Averell Harriman as director of Public Relations in Washington campaign headquarters, is back at his desk as Washington correspondent for Research Institute of America...**TOM DURRANCE**, deputy director of Information, MSA, suggests that Washington OPC members lunch together regularly...**NED NORDNESS** is director of MSA Information Section... **MORRILL CODY**, former Washingtonian, now in Paris doing liaison with MSA for the American Embassy...**NORWOOD ALLMAN** drinking cocktails with **JESSIE STEARNS**...**MAY CRAIG**, Gannett Newspapers, installed in her office the bronze medal and plaque presented by the Nat'l Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

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OLYMPIC REPORTS--Press arrangements for the 1,800 sports writers accredited to the 1952 Olympic games in Helsinki were ideal...U.S. Press delegation was the fourth largest, outnumbered by the Finns, Swedes and Norwegians...Russians had 40 newsmen on the spot, but only one telephone line connecting the local Tass office with Moscow. They also had a radio-equipped boat plying between Russian sea-port cities and Helsinki daily...AP, UP, INS assigned total of 85 sportswriters to the games...**Jack Fox**, **George Pipal** and **Leo Petersen** took charge of UP coverage...**Ted Smits** directed AP and **Charles A. Smith** ran INS' report.

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ERNIE POPE promoted from Radio News Writer with the State Department's Voice of America to Policy Information Editor, then assigned to the Voice's Munich Radio Center...leaves this month with wife and daughter; address: MRC, US Consulate General, Munich...It was in Hitler's hey-day that **POPE** gathered material for his book "Munich Playground" as Reuter's staff correspondent...

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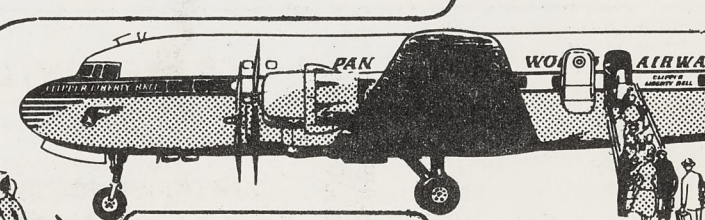
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ABOUT BOOKS--"Witness", by Whittaker Chambers (topping the Best Seller List in the general category) is available in the Club library, courtesy of Random House...OPC'er MATT HUTTNER sends the Club new Pyramid Books. Latest arrivals are "Yankee Trader" (adventure); "Downfall" (scarlet sin); "The Bruiser" (prize-fighting). Stacks of other recent Pyramid issues on hand at the Club...The John Day Company sends "Defense of Freedom" by the Editors of LaPrensa, telling the story of this Argentine newspaper up to January, 1951, when their management ceased after what they call a "government-invented" labor dispute. Prior to its resumption under a "puppet Union", LaPrensa was published for 81 years under three generations of the Paz family, whose current representative, ALBERTO GAINZA PAZ is an Honorary Member of the OPC...McGraw Hill Book Co. sends an advance copy of "Meeting of the Minds" by Elmore Jackson, pointing the way to peace through mediation...From the Yale University Press: Allan Nevins' "The United States In a Chaotic World", Vol. 55 of The Chronicle of America Series; takes America through international affairs of 1918-1933. It is a readable story of the "lost peace" of 1918, which traces the breakdown through to the last war, thus emphasizing recurring problems of present and future. (by JOHN GOETTE, Library Committee Chairman)

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CONSIDINE STORY--Reviewing Grant Hyde's "Newspaper Reporting for E&P, Prof. Roscoe Ellard recalls "watching BOB CONSIDINE years ago in the press box at a baseball game in Chicago. He was a star even then. So it was surprising to see him consulting a little black book as he wrote...BOB explained that he wrote down fresh, graphic phrases about possible baseball and all other sorts of situations...thought them up riding home, shaving in the morning, or lying in bed...when an occasion came he used one and then crossed it off."

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BILL SHIRER's latest book, "Mid-Century Journey", scheduled for Farrar, Straus and Young issue September 11, chosen for October selection of the Literary Guild. SHIRER slated to start a lecture tour in September to run through the autumn, according to Carolyn Wolf, publicity director for the publishers...

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TAX TROUBLE: Mrs. J.B.Powell, widow of the heroic editor of a pre-war English-language newspaper in Shanghai, has appealed for all persons who contributed funds to aid her husband to write Tax Agent Emanuel N. Feigin, New York Collector's Office, or Internal Revenue Commissioner John B. Dunlap, Wash. DC, and help her out of a sorry situation...Mr. Powell, imprisoned by the Japanese, came home broken in health and finances. He had to undergo 18 operations. Now, tax collectors are trying to collect income taxes from the widow, on \$40,000 contributed to him by newsmen, unless she is able to furnish a list of all donors. A group of Chinese reporters sent \$10,000 from Chungking; the National Press Club raised \$9,800; the Overseas Press Club raised a fund and numerous anonymous gifts were made.

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NOTICE

-- OPC headquarters will maintain summer office hours throughout the month of August --
9:30 am to 5:30 pm, except when meetings are scheduled.

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FRESH AIR: Newscasters, exhausted by round-the-clock convention coverage, are taking a breather before election campaigns. EDWARD R. MURROW, LOWELL THOMAS, ALIAN JACKSON, Winston Burdett of CBS; CECIL BROWN and FULTON LEWIS JR. of MBS; GEORGE FRANCIS HICKS and JOHN DALY... LARRY IESEUER, CBS United Nations correspondent will sub for MURROW; Edward P. Morgan subs for LOWELL THOMAS...Howard K. Smith, CBS European Chief, reports a quick reversal of sentiment from Eisenhower to Stevenson in the London press...WILLIAM HILLMAN, MBS White House correspondent, in Kansas City, Mo. where President Truman is vacationing...

WAR IS HELL DEPT: GEORGE HERMAN, CBS, reports from Korea that American troops were kept abreast of political doings at home whether they liked it or not...Army Forces Radio tuned in to both conventions all the way through and the voices of BOB TROUT and DAVE SCHOENBRUN (CBS only network used throughout) "became as well known to the troops as the gal who vocally caresses the ears of GI's on the popular Jukebox USA show"...reactions to conventions themselves throughout Korean tents, barracks and foxholes and in Tokyo ranged from "sneers at big talk, cheers for a few favorites, razberries for oratorical references to 'our boys in Korea', and a large amount of boredom...the conventions played to a largely disinterested but totally captive audience over there..."

BILL COSTELLO, CBS White House correspondent and Orient expert, will premiere "The Asia Story" in Washington Aug. 10; Ambassadors or foreign ministers of leading Far Eastern nations will be interviewed to give American listeners first-hand information on such countries as India, Japan, Indonesia, Australia, the Philippines and others...The text of ROMNEY WHEELER'S interview with Bertrand Russell on his 80th birthday over NBC and BBC TV networks is carried in The Atlantic for August...

QUENTIN REYNOLD'S "The Wright Brothers" and ADELE NATHAN'S "The Building of the First Transcontinental Railroad" (Random House) for young readers have been dramatized and recorded for release by Enrichment Records, September 15...MADELINE D. ROSS flew to Guatemala and Mexico City for August vacation...MARY HORNADAY spent part of her holiday from Christian Science Monitor duties at the Chicago conventions...REAVIS O'NEAL winding up a trip to NATO bases using Republic Aviation Thunderjets which took him to eight countries in 32 days--London, Paris, Reims, Rome, Naples, Milan, Zurich, Geneva, Munich, Frankfurt, Weisbaden, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, The Hague, Brussels...

WHAT'S COOKING: LARRY BLOCHMAN, whose "recipe for Homicide" was published last month (Lippincott), demonstrated his recipe for cheese fondue on Margaret Arlen's CBS-TV program Tuesday, and regaled Luncheon at Sardi patrons with Blochmanisms Wednesday...A. WILFRED MAY compares atmosphere of two kinds of conventions on WJZ's "New York Spotlight". Topic: "The People's Choice--in Moscow and Chicago." ...LEO MARGULIES, just returned from Paris and the Riviera after a two-year absence, and DON GLASSMAN, back from a three-month assignment with the American Embassy in Panama, met in the OPC's New York clubrooms for a reunion...GLASSMAN takes up a new assignment in Washington with State Dept. International Press Services, MARGULIES will remain in N.Y. for a few months before returning to Europe to resume his literary endeavors...Prince Aly Khan at the Plaza Hotel in New York...DON COE, Director Special Events, ABC, back from Chicago...Ed Sullivan flying to Europe for several weeks vacation...

"PRECIO POR PRECIO NO SE PUEDE SUPERAR AL PONTIAC!" *



* THERES SOME DIFFERENCE OF
OPINION HOW YOU SAY THIS IN
SPANISH, BUT IN AMERICA
EVERYBODY ALWAYS SAYS -

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GLOBE TROTTERS--OPC President BILL GRAY and JERRY HANNIFIN back from a whirlwind tour of Latin America...SIMON MICHAEL BESSIE (Harpers) visiting authors and publishers during August and September in Paris, Rome, Milan, Zurich, Munich, Frankfurt, etc...WHIT BURNETT, editor of *Story Magazine* and The Story Press and wife, Hallie, are off to Europe to visit authors in France and England. The BURNETTS recently set up the Story Press in a new association with A.A.Wyn, Inc. They sailed on the *Liberte* with LELAND STOWE, with whom BURNETT covered many stories for the *Paris Herald* in the late '20s...BELLA FROMM on the same boat for a three months visit to Germany...RUTH HAMMER in Paris to present Hubert de Givenchy, world's youngest couturier, to the press, then to Spain for couture openings...RALPH D. GARDNER and his bride, Nellie, to Portugal and Spain for six weeks...HENRY GELLERMAN and Mike Fodor please note: LOUIS LOCHNER reachable through his son, BOB LOCHNER, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. High Comm. Germany (APO 752-A, U.S. Army)...NOIA LUXFORD, visiting the BOB BENJAMINS in Mexico City, says the M.C. on Mexican version of "What's My Line" is more like JOHN DALY than DALY himself...

HERE and THERE: George and RUTH BARRETT (*N.Y. Times*, *The Reporter*) back in Tokyo after grim three weeks on Kojima Island...Larry Allen, AP, 700 miles from Saigon in Hanoi, writes that war correspondents are now officially accredited to the Indochinese war by French Union Forces, and Allen holds the No. 1 card...

DOROTHY N.S. RUSSELL in Gallup, N.M., 200 miles from nearest press club in Albuquerque. KATHRYN CRAVENS taking movies of her visit to Hawaiian Islands, including Molokai to complete a story on the Leper colonies...put flowers on Ernie Pyle's grave, between two unknown soldiers in Punchbowl crater--she found four tiny orchids on the grave...tossed a full quart of gin into the flaming volcano pit at Kilauea to appease the fire goddess and nearly blew up the island...GEORGE PIERROT (World Adventure Lecture Series) flying around the world to help Col. Homer Kellems make an Air Force picture...route: Saudi Arabia, French Morocco, Algiers, Tripoli, Paris, London, Bonn, Rome, Athens, Ankara, Arabia, Teheran, Cairo, Eritrea, Karachi, Delhi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Manila, Japan, Aleutians, Alaska. Address: HQ. MATS, Andrews Air Forces Base, Washington, DC...RALPH HILTON touring western Europe for several months for State Dept. Foreign Service Inspection Corps...

OUR PROLIFIC COLLEAGUES--"Inside Our Secret Spy Ring", JOHN GUNTHER's story of CIA and Psychological Strategy Board featured in Aug. 12 *Look*...HENRY J. TAYLOR reviews the Teapot Dome scandal: "Was Corruption As Bad Under Harding?" in current *Reader's Digest*..."Duel In the Saar" may wreck the Western Defense system, GEORGE W. HERALD warns in *UN World*-(August)...in the same issue, LEO IANIA bares "The Two Faces on the Austrian Coin", GERTY AGOSTIN reports on French anti-communist political posters in *Staatszeitung*...SERGE FLEIGERS, just named contributing editor of *American Mercury*, has this month's cover story: "Crisis in South Africa"...Fulton Oursler's posthumous piece in *Reader's Digest*; "There Is Magic In a Word of Praise"...Roger Dakin, former newspaperman now editor of *Collier's*, termed "the free-lance writer's Adlai Stevenson" after an informal but eloquent talk at the Society of Magazine Writers monthly dinner meeting. OPC'ers at the meeting included RAY JOSEPHS, DICKSON HARTWELL, PATRICIA LOCH-RIDGE, RUTH LLOYD and DON ROBINSON, president of the Society and author of the new book, "The 100 Most Important People In the World Today"...



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U.S. PRESS-RADIO COMMITTEE INQUIRY CONFIRMS
OFFICIAL GREEK GOVERNMENT FINDINGS
IN GEORGE POLK MURDERS

The bound and blindfolded body of George Polk, CBS Middle Eastern correspondent, was found floating in Salonika harbor in May, 1948. His slayers have never been located, although Gregorios Stakhtopoulos, an acknowledged communist, is now serving a life sentence as accessory to the crime for acting as the "finger man."

Soon after the murder of this famed correspondent, members of the Overseas Writers Committee in Washington set up an investigating group, with WALTER LIPPMAN as chairman. The inquiry is now closed, and its report supports the findings of the Greek official investigation of the crime. Two men, named at the trial as the actual slayers, have never been found and it is reported that they were killed before the end of the Greek civil war.

As an unpaid agent of the inquiry group, Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, former head of the World War II OSS, made four trips to Greece. He took with him a U. S. Air Force officer, Lieut. Col. G. L. James Kellis. The committee, in its report, complained that Col. Kellis' work was "frustrated by the Greek and American authorities."

In its report to the Overseas Writers Committee, the LIPPMANN group said its \$10,000 reward for information has been withdrawn. It reported spending \$4,218 from \$11,810 voluntary contributions from newspapers, radio organizations, radio networks and newsmen's organizations.

Expressing hope that the Polk case will not be forgotten, the committee said:

"The safety of American correspondents working abroad can best be insured if it is known to all the world that they cannot be attacked with impunity--that the power and influence of the United States government, that the concerted action of the press and radio, and an aroused public opinion, will demand and will persist in demanding the pursuit and punishment of the criminals."

Mr. Polk, thirty-four, was formerly with the N.Y. Herald Tribune and won a war-time decoration as a Navy flyer. He was an outspoken critic of the Greek government, and the Communists asserted from the beginning that he had been murdered by Rightist agents in behalf of the Greek government. He was killed May 9, 1948, while aboard a small boat, apparently en route to interview Gen. Markos, Communist leader in the guerrilla fighting then raging. The committee report noted that the Greek government pressed the inquiry vigorously, and said that the trial brought evidence supporting the government's contention that the motive was a Communist desire to "discredit the Greek government in the eyes of the American people."

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